4.2 Grammar

Used to

GRAMMAR *Used to*

We use *used to* to talk about habits and states that were true in the past, but are not true anymore.

+	We used to talk when you came to visit.	
–	We didn't use to have phones.	
?	Did you use to send postcards?	Yes, we did. No, we didn't.
	How did you use to communicate?	

1 ● Choose the correct option.

1 When she was young, my mum *used* / *use* to write letters.
2 She didn't *used* / *use* to send emails.
3 Did you *used* / *use* to play online games when you were younger?
4 I used to *go* / *went* to the cinema every week when I lived in the city.
5 A: Did you use to have a digital camera?
B: Yes, I *used to* / *did*.
6 My dad didn't *use* / *use to* have a smartphone.

2 ● Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to* and the verb in brackets.

1 I *used to have* (have) a really nice tablet, but then I broke it.
2 My gran _____ (not search) the internet, but now she's always on it!
3 My parents _____ (listen) to music in the evenings.
4 _____ (you/take) photos with a digital camera?
5 We _____ (not play) games online.
6 Where _____ (you/go) to school?
7 Jamie _____ (live) in London before he moved here.
8 My dad _____ (not download) apps on his smartphone.
9 What books _____ (you/read) when you were younger?
10 My cousins _____ (share) videos of their pets.

3 ●● Write questions for the answers.

1 A: *Did you use to have* a smartwatch?
B: No, I didn't use to have a smartwatch.
2 A: What time _____ to bed?
B: I used to go to bed at 8 p.m. when I was ten.
3 A: Where _____?
B: I used to live in Manchester.
4 A: Who _____ online games with?
B: I used to play online games with my friends in Canada.
5 A: When _____ photos?
B: I used to take photos at the weekend.
6 A: How often _____ to podcasts?
B: I used to listen to podcasts every day.

4 ●●● Complete the dialogue with the correct form of *used to* and the verbs below.

not communicate	decide	~~do~~	have	
meet	not play	spend	stay	talk

A: What [1] *did you use to do* in your free time when you were young, Mum?
B: Well, we [2] _____ online games all day, that's for sure!
A: Neither do we!
B: Ha ha, I know. Well, I [3] _____ my friends at a café at the weekend, and then we [4] _____ what to do after that. Sometimes we went to the cinema, and sometimes we [5] _____ at the café and hang out with each other, talk about things, you know.
A: What [6] _____ about?
B: Oh, different things – teachers we liked at school, our plans, things like that. We [7] _____ online as much as you do these days. I think we saw a lot more of each other in person.
A: Oh, that sounds nice.
B: Yes, it was. We [8] _____ a lot of fun.
A: [9] _____ a lot of time with your friends?
B: Yes, I saw them every day!

I can use *used to* to talk about things that were true in the past, but aren't true now.

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